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2012 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Julie Lindemann and John Shimon

Your work in visual media sets a very high standard for creative accomplishment. Your photographs of persons in rural Wisconsin settings are extraordinary in their ability to represent identity, time and place. They are powerful images that help us appreciate the complexities of human nature. Your work has been recognized through many exhibitions in an impressive array of local and national venues and with glowing reviews by critics and fellow artists. You receive praise for your ability to see magnificent potential in seemingly ordinary people, for the sensitivity with which you approach your subjects, for your creative use of historic photographic processes, and for the augmentation of your portraits with interesting, insightful quotations. In addition to your brilliant use of photographic technology and your ability to relate to your subjects, one of the remarkable aspects of your work is its highly collaborative nature. You have worked together for many years, and clearly gain strength from each other in ways that are remarkable. Your work represents one vision and when you describe that work, it is in one voice. To experience your visual representations is to be inspired and intrigued. Your art transforms our understanding of human existence, and for that we are all grateful. In recognition of your creative accomplishments, I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2012 Award for Excellence in Creative Activity.